

# FARM

Your Home Agent

## County's Economy Subject of Study For County Units

By DONNA GEORGE

Morrow County Extension Agent

"Know Morrow County Economy" will be the April lesson topic for home extension units. This topic was selected by the program planning committee which concluded that understanding of the county's economy was desirable for homemakers to be better informed as managers of family income and as citizens. It will focus on the following questions:

1. What are present population trends—how do they compare with those for the rest of the state? Is the percent of population in the various age groups higher or lower for Morrow county?
2. What is the income level of Morrow county people? How many families earn less than \$3000.00 per year, or over \$25,000?
3. Where and in what type work is the civilian working force employed?
4. How soon does money leave the county?
5. What is the role of agriculture in the county's economy? How do different kinds of farm products rank in importance?
6. What are some possible future economic trends in the county? What is the potential influence of such features as Willow Creek Project and land development in North Morrow?

Leaders from the home extension units were trained Monday, March 28, by Donna George, county extension agent. Other interested homemakers are urged to attend the unit meetings in April. For information on the date and place of the unit meeting in your community, call the County Extension Office, 676-9642.

## State Condemns 56 Slaughter Animals

One in every 416 animals inspected at slaughter by the Oregon Department of Agriculture's meat inspectors was condemned in February. Figures compiled by the department showed 24,101 animals slaughtered during the month and 56 condemned. Cattle led in the number of animals going to market with 12,147 and swine was second high with 10,708. In addition to the whole animals that were rejected the inspectors condemned 8,289 parts totaling 59,343 pounds. Livers accounted for over 85 percent of the parts condemned and for almost 90 percent of the overall weight of the rejected parts.

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## Annual 8th Grade Tour Coming Soon

The county wheat associations of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco, along with other farm organizations will host 132 outstanding eighth graders from the various Portland schools on April 29, 30 and May 1. For the first time the eighth graders from the school of the blind in Salem will also participate in the tour. There are eight in the class that have some visibility.

The students will be brought to the Eastern Oregon area by school busses accompanied by two teachers for each county, from the Portland school system acting as chaperones. During their stay they will be hosted by farm families who also have eighth grade students. The purpose of this event is to acquaint the youths of the metropolitan area with agriculture in the Columbia Basin area. The tour will give the youths from west of the Cascades an opportunity to see rural life in Eastern Oregon, including the homes, schools, churches, scenic spots, and how agriculture actually operates. Many demonstrations will be held on the various ranches showing air spraying, branding, cultivation practices, storage, and other operations. The tour will provide an opportunity for the two areas to become better acquainted and thus develop a better understanding between urban and rural youth. These tours have been held annually for a number of years.

## Wool Payments Due after April 1

Wool payments will be made soon after April 1, according to David McLeod, manager of local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. Shorn wool payments will be made at the rate of 31.6 percent of dollar returns each grower received from sale of shorn wool during 1965. The payment rate is based on the difference between incentive price of 62 cents and national average price of 47.1 cents per pound received by growers. By comparison, payments on 1964 marketings made at rate of 16.5 percent.

Each grower's wool payment is determined by multiplying his dollar return from sale of wool, less marketing charges, by payment rate of 31.6 percent. The percentage method of payment was designed to encourage growers to improve quality and marketing of wool. Under this method a grower who gets the best possible price for his wool also gets higher incentive payment. Payment rate on unshorn lambs sold or slaughtered during the 1965 marketing year is 60 cents per hundred weight. This compares to the 1964 rate of 35 cents per cwt. Payment on sales of live lambs that have never been shorn is based on the shorn wool payments, the average weight of wool per hundred weight of lambs, and value of lamb's wool relative to the value of shorn wool. Deductions of 1 cent per pound from shorn wool payments and 5 cents per hundred pounds of live weight from lamb payments will be made for advertising, promotion, and related market development activities on wool and lambs. Promotion program is carried out by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. The 1965 support price for wool will be 65 cents a pound.



## Ag Department Project Studies Changes in Wheat

Do changes take place in wheat when it is stored and handled? If so, what are these changes?

And, is wheat from some areas affected more by storage than grain from other areas? These are some of the questions on grain storage to which the Oregon Department of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and grain industry hopes to get answers through a matching fund project slated to get underway April 1. The project is aimed at helping producers and dealers solve future marketing problems. The Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association and the Oregon, Washington and Idaho Wheat Commissions will provide 80 percent of the states' \$5,000 for the project. The state departments of agriculture of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will provide the remaining 20 percent. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service matches the state funds with \$5,000.

Cooperating in an advisory capacity will be the Tri-State Grain Standards Committee and the USDA Consumer and Marketing Service Grain Division. Project leader is Ben Allen, chief of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's agricultural development division, and working on the project on a part time basis will be a graduate student at Oregon State University. At least 30 representative grain elevators from various wheat producing areas of the three states will participate in the study. They will take grain samples of wheat received from farmers using a method prescribed by the project leader. Plans also include sampling of wheat in farm storage operations. This will be done as time and money permits. Sampling of grain in rail cars will be at random with representative cars selected. These samples are to be taken when grain is unloaded at the terminal. Grain samples will be tested in state grain grading laboratories and official certificates issued the project on each sample. Information from the samples will be recorded by data processing. Inbound grades on the grain will be compared with the outbound grades to determine the effects of storage and handling. The project will run for the three years. The supervisor of the division of markets for the Washington Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Commissioner of Agriculture will assist Ben Allen in coordinating the work on the project.

## Damage Claims Down in 1965

Oregon's Department of Agriculture had almost one-fourth fewer claims filed with it in 1965 for damage from application of pesticides than the previous year. The 1965 total on claims was 30 with all but three of these investigated by the Department. On three of those filed all action required was not completed so no investigation was made. Thirty-nine claims were filed in 1964 and 34 of these were investigated. Twenty-six of the 1965 claims were found valid. In 18 of the claims filed a 2,4-D type of pesticide was involved. The previous year this type of pesticide was used in 21 of the claims found valid by the department. Air applicators improved their damage record in 1965, but damage from ground application of pesticides showed a marked increase. Damage caused by air application of a pesticide dropped to 13 from the 22 of the previous year, but those caused from ground application increased from six in 1964 to 10 in 1965. In the remaining three claims found valid contamination of water by a pesticide was suspected. Major crops damaged by the pesticide application were peas and beans. These numbered 12 with six of them in Umatilla County.

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## Commission Picks Officers; O'Donnell Fills Vacancy

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — Dewey West was elected president of Morrow County Port Commission at the meeting in the new city hall last Thursday night. This was the first meeting of any kind held in the new hall. Joe Tatone was elected vice-president; Dick Krebs, Cecil, secretary, and Gar Swanson of Ione, treasurer.

Harry O'Donnell of Heppner was appointed to fill out the year as a member of the commission to replace Al Lamb, who died recently. Anyone interested in running for this position will have to file before the regular election. Lamb was a Democrat. Rupert Kennedy was present and reported on the activities of the Mid-Columbia Planning Commission for the coming year.

The port budget committee met and a budget decided upon with the same amounts as previous years to be maintained. There were ten farmers present from the north end of the county who raised questions on irrigation and these were answered satisfactorily.

**Tillicum Club Chooses Officers**  
La Vern Partlow was elected president of the Boardman Tillicum Club at the meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Ronald Black. Vice-president is Mrs. Roy Partlow; recording secretary, Mrs. Ron Daniels, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ralph Skoubo, and treasurer Mrs. Dewey West. They will serve for a two year term, taking office July 1.

Mrs. Roy Partlow read a poem, "What is Beauty?" Announcement was made of the District 7 spring convention to be held at Wasco April 18. The club is making plans to have cancer films shown to the public here April 5, with free pie and coffee served.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was planned for pre-schoolers and grades 1-4 to be held at the school grounds Friday, April 8. A Dutch auction brought \$4.60. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Daniels on April 12.

Mrs. Leo Root was hostess for the Boardman Garden Club at her home the first of last week. Roll call was answered by giving the name of a spring flowering bulb.

Mrs. Glen Carpenter and Mrs. Root will represent the club on the committee for the new city park development. Mrs. Claud Coats won the door prize and also won the prize in a game played. The club will go to Pendleton for its meeting next month at the home of Mrs. Hugh Brown. It will be an afternoon meeting, April 19.

Mayor Dewey West announced that the city offices are about all moved to the new city hall in the new townsite. Persons interested in making application for irrigation water rates for the summer may do so any time. The rates will be cheaper than the regular residential rate.

The Cookie Crumble 4-H boys cooking club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Harold Baker last Thursday. The boys made clam chowder and served it to the group. Ways of making money were discussed. The club recently went roller skating at Hermiston. Albert Phillips won a gallon of pop while there.

**Post Office Moves Location; Occupied Old Quarters, 1921**

The local post office has been moved to its spacious quarters in the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tatone in the new townsite. It has served the people here for nearly half a century, being in the Root building since 1921. The first post office which opened in 1917 was in another building. Flossie Coats, postmaster, and clerks Carol Getz and Carolyn Skoubo completed the move during the week-end.

Mrs. Coats stated that Margaret Klitz, a pioneer here, had the same box, 22, ever since the first post office opened until she moved to La Grande in November, 1962. Many people will have their same box numbers in the new post office, but due to the numbering of the boxes, some will have to pick new ones.

Cafeteria menus for Riverside High school and Boardman Grade school for the week of April 4-8 are as follows: Monday—stew, raisin muffins, tomatoes and ice cream; Tuesday—spaghetti, salad, French bread and fruit; Wednesday—roast beef, potatoes and gravy, beefs, fruit and rolls; Thursday—bologna sandwiches, pickles, olives, corn and fruit cobbler; Friday—creamed tuna on biscuits, peas and carrots, fruit salad and cake. Bread, butter and milk are served with all meals.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and daughter Jane of Wasco were Saturday visitors at the home of Root's mother, Mrs. Florence Root.

Mrs. Louise Earwood has returned home from a three weeks visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earwood, in Torrance, Calif., and her son-in-law and daughter.

## Students Respond In Wheat Contest

Don Woodward, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League reports that a large number of Oregon high school students have responded to the newspaper article contest sponsored by the League. Requests for reference material have been received from every corner of the state.

Woodward would like to remind all interested students that entries close April 30.

"Advantages of Wheat in the Everyday Diet" and "Production and Marketing of Oregon Wheat" are the two subjects students may choose in the contest. All students in grades nine through twelve, with the exception of those whose parents are officers of the Wheat League or Wheat Commission, are eligible to enter the contest.

Cash awards will be made for the winning entries. Woodward announced, with \$75 going to the top article, \$50 for second, \$35 for third, and \$15 for fourth. In addition, 21 certificates of merit will be awarded the next winners. The winner will also be the guest of the League during its annual convention in Portland, December 12, 13 and 14.

Interested students may write

ter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Califf, in Estacada.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely went to Pilot Rock Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern McGowan.

the Oregon Wheat Growers League, in Pendleton, Box 400, for entry blanks and reference material, although other reference material may be used. Metker maps of Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wheeler counties on sale at the Gazette-Times, \$1.25 each. Others available on order.

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